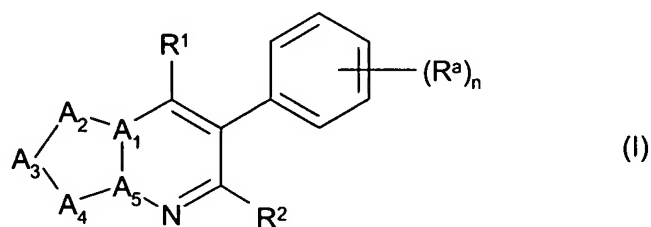


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-16 have been cancelled.

17. (New) A bicyclic compound of the formula I



in which

A_1 or A_5 is C and the other of the two variables A_1 , A_5 is N, C or $C-R^3$;

A_2 , A_3 , A_4 independently of one another are N or $C-R^{3a}$,

where one of the variables A_2 , A_3 or A_4 may also be S or a group $N-R^4$ if A_1

and A_5 are both C,

and where A_4 is not N or $C-R^{3a}$ if A_1 is N, A^3 is $C-R^{3a}$ and A_5 is C, and where

A_1 is attached to A_2 and A_3 to A_4 or

A_2 is attached to A_3 and A_4 to A_5 or

A_1 is attached to A_5 and A_2 to A_3 or

A_1 is attached to A_5 and A_3 to A_4 or

A_1 is attached to A_2 and A_4 to A_5 by double bonds;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

- R^a is halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyloxy or $C(O)R^5$;
- R^1 is halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, where a carbon atom of the C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl radical may be replaced by a silicon atom, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_2 - C_{10} -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -haloalkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, where the cycloalkyl moiety of the two last-mentioned groups may be unsubstituted or contain 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 radicals selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 -alkylidene, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, halogen, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl and hydroxy and the alkyl moiety of C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl may be unsubstituted or contain 1, 2, 3, or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl and hydroxy, C_5 - C_8 -cycloalkenyl which may be unsubstituted or contain 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, halogen, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl and hydroxy, OR^6 , SR^6 , NR^7R^8 , a radical of the formula $-C(R^{11})(R^{12})C(=NOR^{13})(R^{14})$ or a radical of the formula $-C(=NOR^{15})C(=NOR^{16})(R^{17})$;
- R^2 is halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -haloalkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_5 - C_8 -cycloalkenyl, OR^6 , SR^6 or NR^7R^8 ;
- R^3 , R^{3a} independently of one another are hydrogen, CN, halogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl or C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl;
- R^4 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl or C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl;

- R^5 is hydrogen, OH, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkylamino or di- C_1 - C_6 -alkylamino, piperidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl or morpholin-4-yl;
- R^6 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl or COR^9 ;
- R^7, R^8 independently of one another are hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{10} -alkenyl, C_4 - C_{10} -alkadienyl, C_2 - C_{10} -alkynyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, C_5 - C_8 -cycloalkenyl, C_5 - C_{10} -bicycloalkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, a 5- or 6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated heterocycle which may have 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S as ring members or a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle which may have 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S as ring members, where the radicals mentioned as R^7, R^8 may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may have 1, 2 or 3 radicals R^b where R^b is selected from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, OH, C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkoxy, C_1 - C_6 -alkylthio, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkenyloxy, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyloxy, C_1 - C_6 -alkylamino, di- C_1 - C_6 -alkylamino, piperidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl or morpholin-4-yl;
- R^7 and R^8 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached may also form a 5-, 6- or 7-membered saturated or unsaturated heterocycle which may have 1, 2, 3 or 4 further heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S, N and

NR¹⁰ as ring members, which may be partially or fully halogenated and which may have 1, 2 or 3 radicals R^b;

R⁹, R¹⁰ independently of one another are hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl;

R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵, R¹⁶, R¹⁷ independently of one another are hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl;

or an agriculturally acceptable salt of the compound I,

except for compounds of the formula I in which R¹ and R² are both OH or both halogen if A₁ is N and A₅ is C.

18. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17 of the formula I in which

R¹ is halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkinyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₈-cycloalkenyl, OR⁶, SR⁶ or NR⁷R⁸; and

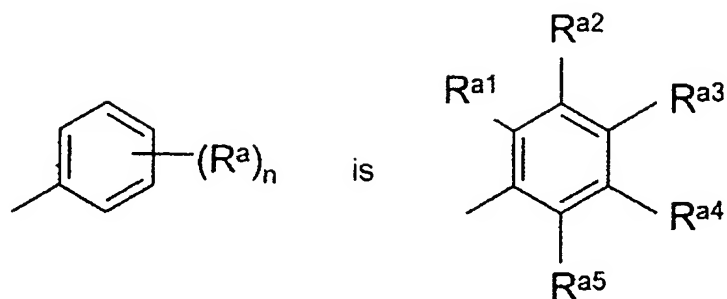
R² is halogen, cyano, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkinyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, C₅-C₈-cycloalkenyl, OR⁶, SR⁶ or NR⁷R⁸.

19. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17 of the formula I in which A₁ is C and A₅ is N and A₂, A₃ and A₄ independently of one another are N or C-R^{3a}.

20. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 19 of the formula I in which A₂ is N.

21. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17 of the formula I in which A_1 and A_3 are N, A_5 is C and A_2 and A_4 independently of one another are N or $C-R^{3a}$.
22. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17 of the formula I in which A_1 is N and A_5 is C and A_2 , A_3 and A_4 independently of one another are $C-R^{3a}$.
23. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17 of the formula I in which A_1 and A_5 are C, one of the variables A_2 or A_4 is sulfur and the other of the variables A_2 or A_4 and the variable A_3 independently of one another are $C-R^{3a}$ or N.
24. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17, wherein in formula I A_1 , A_2 , A_3 and A_4 are N and A_5 is C.
25. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17, wherein in formula I A_1 and A_3 denote N, A_2 and A_4 each are $C-R^{3a}$ and A_5 is C.
26. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17, wherein in formula I A_2 , A_3 and A_5 denote N, A_1 is C and A_4 is $C-R^{3a}$.
27. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17 of the formula I in which n is 1, 2, 3 or 4.

28. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17 of the formula I in which the group



where

- R^{a1} is fluorine, chlorine or methyl;
- R^{a2} is hydrogen or fluorine;
- R^{a3} is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy;
- R^{a4} is hydrogen or fluorine;
- R^{a5} is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or C_1 - C_4 -alkyl.
29. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17 of the formula I in which R^1 is a group NR^7R^8 where at least one of the radicals R^7 , R^8 is different from hydrogen.
30. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 29 of the formula I in which
- R^7 is C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_1 - C_6 -haloalkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkynyl or C_2 - C_6 -alkenyl;
- R^8 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 -alkyl; or
- R^7 , R^8 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached are a saturated or partially unsaturated nitrogen heterocycle which may have one further heteroatom

selected from the group consisting of O, S and NR^{10} as ring member and which may have 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}$ and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-haloalkyl}$, where R^{10} is as defined in claim 1.

31. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 29 of the formula I where R^2 is halogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4\text{-alkyl}$.
32. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17 of the formula I where R^1 is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}$, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkenyl}$, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkynyl}$, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8\text{-cycloalkyl}$ or $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8\text{-cycloalkenyl}$ and R^2 is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4\text{-alkyl}$.
33. (New) The use of a compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 17 or of an agriculturally acceptable salt thereof for controlling phytopathogenic fungi.
34. (New) A composition for controlling phytopathogenic fungi, which composition comprises at least one compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 17 and/or an agriculturally acceptable salt of formula I and at least one solid or liquid carrier.
35. (New) A method for controlling phytopathogenic fungi, which method comprises treating the fungi or the materials, plants, the soil or the seeds to be protected against fungal attack with an effective amount of a compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 17 and/or with an agriculturally acceptable salt of I.